

CLINUS ACULEATUS REINHARDT, 1837 (PISCES, BLENNIOIDEI):
A SPECIFIC NAME PROPOSED FOR SUPPRESSION IN FAVOUR OF
CLINUS MACULATUS FRIES, 1838. Z.N.(S.) 1941

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The aim of this proposal is to ask the International Commission to suppress a specific name which has been unused for over 50 years.

2. *Clinus maculatus* Fries, 1838 was published in "Ichthyologiska Bidrag till Skandinaviens Fauna" *K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl.* (1837) 1838 : 23-58. *Clinus aculeatus* Reinhardt, 1837 was published in "Ichthyologiske Bidrag til den grønlandske Fauna. København 1837, pp. 1-122." Usually *C. maculatus* is considered published in 1837 and *C. aculeatus* is generally cited as its synonym, because the majority of authors refer to the following description of *C. aculeatus* "Ichthyologiske Bidrag til den grønlandske Fauna." *K. danske Vidensk. Selsk. nat. math. Afl.*, part VII: 83-228, published in 1838.

3. Thus, *maculatus* Fries, 1838 is in fact a junior synonym of *aculeatus* Reinhardt, 1837, but *aculeatus* has been used very rarely. The latest work in which I have been able to find *aculeatus* treated as a valid species is more than 50 years old.

4. Gill listed in "Catalogue of the fishes of the eastern coast of North America, from Greenland to Georgia". *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* (1861) 1862 : 1-63, *Lumpenus aculeatus* (Reinhardt) as a synonym of *Leptoclinus maculatus*, but without mentioning Fries as the original describer. Strangely enough, Jordan "The genera of fishes, part III, 1919" suggested *Lumpenus aculeatus* (Reinhardt) as the "orthotype" for *Leptoclinus* Gill, 1862.

5. As the species in question is common in the North Atlantic area and therefore mentioned in several papers it would cause much inconvenience to change the well established name *maculatus* for the unfamiliar *aculeatus*.

6. I therefore ask the ICZN

- (1) to suppress under the plenary powers the specific name *aculeatus* Reinhardt, 1837, as published in the combination *Clinus aculeatus*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *maculatus* Fries, 1838, as published in the combination *Clinus maculatus*;
- (3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology the name *aculeatus* Reinhardt, 1837, as published in the combination *Clinus aculeatus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above).